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Old probabilities seems to back up the opinion of the groundhog.

The Illinois Senators' contest will be renewed this week. It is growing decidedly interesting.

Lent approaches and Washington society is crowding in all the social demands of the hour before it begins on next or Ash Wednesday.

The Michigan Democrats want a Cabinet officer. Well, they did make a good fight there; but then, a Cabinet position is a dainty dish. The Democracy are legion and the appetite good.

A MICHIGAN paper advocates the establishment of convict colonies in Alaska and the general transfer to that Territory of the scoundrelism of this great country. The scheme takes in the naughty women also. Seal skin saques are cheap in Alaska.

THERE is no use trying to make a theological journal out of a daily newspaper. Too many bad things happen.—Albany (N. Y.) Journal.
Shoo! Bend low, while we whisper. Did you ever get hold of an Indianapolis News? No? Ah, that accounts for your discouragement.

The ladies of the Cabinet officers' families will hold their last receptions on Wednesday the 25th. These, with one more public reception by the President, we are told, will close the social career of the present Administration. Rather solemn occasions to some folks, we should imagine.

THERE seems to be a good deal of lying about recent military matters in the Sudan. By the way—but, no; it can't be so. El Gash was here the other day, and El Jawhawker is on the Pacific coast; but where is El Eli Perkins? or that colossal combination of fact and fiction, the Albany correspondent of the Chicago Tribune?

JUSTICE BRADLEY denies that he intends retiring from the Supreme Bench. The old gentleman talks as if he was mad about it. He says: "I haven't sent in my resignation to the President, nor have I intimated to a living soul any intention to do so. I don't know why I should have been specially selected as a candidate for retiring any more than any other Judge of the Court. I am too busy to resign. I have too many opinions to write."

AN Albany special of the 14th says: "Senator Voorhees and Congressman Cobb, of Indiana, arrived here late last night, and this morning spent an hour with President-elect Cleveland. Mr. Voorhees urged strongly Mr. McDonald for the Cabinet, and brought letters from twenty-two Democratic Senators in McDonald's favor. After the visit, Mr. Voorhees would say nothing save that he found Cleveland an attentive listener, and that the request for McDonald was a whole-souled and spontaneous one."

HERE now is a specimen faggot utilized by the bloody third organ "to fire the Northern heart," as it were. The Commercial Gazette says:

The Indianapolis Sentinel evidently favors the selection of Jeff Davis for a place in Cleveland's Cabinet. It needs Republican precedent in giving Longstreet office and putting Key into the office of Postmaster General.

It would be unpardonable to brand the foregoing as a lie, and were it not so we do not care to use that epithet toward an esteemed, but highly erratic contemporary. We place it on record merely as an idiosyncrasy of unfair journalism.

ON THE RAMPAGE.

Young Mahone, son of the Republican Bourbon Senator from Virginia, produced quite a sensation in Washington City Friday night. He seems to have been on a "high lonesome" in Welcker's Hotel. Becoming rather uproarious the proprietor of the hotel, together with the watchman and the head-waiter, attempted to pacify him, when he drew a revolver and fired at each one. The shots attracted others to the spot, and young Mahone was seized and carried to his room. Here he became so violent that it took four men to hold him. A police officer was sent for, but when he arrived Mahone had been spirited away by some of his friends. He was found early Saturday morning in a saloon and arrested. He gave bail for his appearance when wanted, and that ended the matter for the present, so far as Mahone is concerned. Then comes Mahone's part on the stage, and in regard to him a Washington special says that he and his son have been boarding at the hotel since November. After the shooting matinee Mrs. Fetter, the wife of the proprietor of Welcker's, informed the Senator that he and his son would have to secure quarters elsewhere. She gave them till to-day to

leave. The Senator was enraged when he heard that an officer had been sent to arrest his son, and said, addressing Mrs. Fetter: "No power on earth can be brought to bear to remove my son from this house, and by—if any one harms him, I will kill them." The Senator was decidedly emphatic.

The Republican organs, a few weeks since, when young Holman became involved in trouble with an attaché of a foreign legation, were seized with a series of alarming spasmodic moral and virtuous rigors. They did not subside even after young Holman promptly apologized for his rudeness. Let us await patiently and hopefully for similar attacks which this recent disgraceful affair of young Mahone should produce.

SOMETHING TO BE SAVED.

Up to 1860, when the fire department was changed from the volunteer to the pay system and steam engines substituted for hand engines, the city expenses were comparatively light and the city tax too low to be onerous. Firemen, as a sort of compensation for their services, were exempt from that tax and from jury duty, out so little was that tax felt that many firemen never cared to take the trouble to get from the Secretaries of their companies the certificates of membership that would have served to discharge that part of their public burdens, and paid the bill assessed against them without giving the matter a second thought. In the last twenty-five years, however, a change has come, and the city tax is now heavier than all other public burdens together. This high rate, compelled by the bounties for volunteers during the Civil War, was the first experience of the change. Since then there have been fluctuations, running up toward 2 per cent., and down below 1, but never so low as not to fully balance the sum of all other taxation. Now a limit is fixed and is unlikely, as well as undesirable, to be changed. The amount of revenue is governed, not by the rate of taxation, but by the valuation of city property. This condition of things is an incentive to make the city assessment higher than that fixed by the State appraisal. And the opportunity is offered for a variation by the annual valuation for city purposes. Whether it is used or not, the chance is there and will remain there, while two systems of appraisal are maintained. It is the part of prudent statesmanship to remove this opening and motive for undue or unequal valuation of taxable property. It may never work wrong, but it may, and no one can tell when it may. By removing this opportunity for abuse of the power of appraisal for taxes future trouble and annoyance may be averted, and, what is more, a source of considerable and wholly useless expense will be cut off. The City Assessor's office costs a considerable sum—we have not at hand the figures to determine it—but little or much it is a waste absolutely, for all that it does can be as accurately and effectively done without it. With the abrogation of the City Assessor's office and expenses should go the separate functions and cost of the city treasury. The County Treasurer can collect the city taxes with comparatively a small addition to his office force and outlay, and he can be given ample compensation in a percentage a good deal smaller than is deemed requisite for the maintenance of a separate office. In this measure of economy all parties and all party organs are united. The Republican city press, without an exception, we believe—we are not sure that the Journal has spoken out unequivocally about it, but all the others have—demands it; and the Democracy of the county is pledged to it. The duty equally of economy and of fidelity to party pledges is imperative. The Democracy can not neglect it or ignore it without injury. The city needs the money that can be saved, and the party needs the example of good faith in the fulfillment of its promises, as every party does when it pledges itself to any measure of reform.

JOHN BROWN REDIVIVUS.

The Sentinel cares very little whether John Brown was a martyr, as many regard him, to a strong conviction of duty, or a fool who threw himself in a crazy caprice against the laws of the country and the peace of the community in which he sought to begin a "servile war." In any view of his character he broke the laws of the land, and met the fate that willful law breakers earn. But the truth of history should be vindicated, whenever indisputable facts can be collected bearing directly upon conclusions deemed established, whether those facts confirm or confute the conclusions. Therefore we give a statement published very recently by ex-Governor Robbins, of Kansas, who at first was a supporter of John Brown's claims to disinterested, mistaken, philanthropy, in which he says that his views have changed with his better knowledge of the facts, and adds the following account of a bloody transaction of which little, if anything, has been heretofore known. The statement is made by an eye-witness of the affair, a Mr. Townley, of whom Governor Robbins says "his testimony is unimpeached and unimpeachable."

"After my team was found and the party had taken supper, John Brown told me for the first time what he proposed to do. He said he wanted me to pilot the company up to the forks of the creek, some five or six miles above, into the neighborhood where I lived and show them where all the pro-slavery men resided that he proposed to sweep the creek, as he came down, of all the pro-slavery men living on it. I most positively refused to do it. The old man Doyle and two sons were called out and marched some distance from the house, toward Dutch Henry's, in the road, where a halt was made. John Brown drew his revolver and shot the old man Doyle in the forehead and Brown's two youngest sons immediately fell upon the younger Doyle with short two-edged swords."

The Governor closes as follows: "If history furnishes a parallel to the cold-blooded, unfeeling, persistent and unscrupulous killing of John Brown, his family and friends, I have not discovered it. Yet it is of such men some people make heroes."

There is certainly a very wide change of sentiment here, but it is not necessary to believe that Brown was merely a heartless murderer to believe further that his Harper's Ferry raid was the act of a headstrong

fanatic, not naturally bloodthirsty and cruel. The most relentless and unsparring of all enemies are those who are led to believe that they are acting by the authority or with the sanction of Heaven. Torquemada believed he was executing the will of the Almighty in persecuting the Jews, and the Puritans who burned witches did it in the full confidence that the Almighty commanded it.

THE MOSLEM AND HIS FAITH.

Perhaps the recent reverses of the English arms in the Sudan will force the savans of the world to reconstruct their theories regarding the decline of Moslem power and religion.

The Mohammedans have been scarcely alluded to for years in a serious manner by many European statesmen. Almost sneeringly it required, in addition, quite an effort of their mind and memory to recognize them as being entitled to anything more than a passing thought. In a recent article that we find in the Pittsburg Post we get some valuable information and statistics. The faith of the Arabian prophet is not a decaying one. It is spreading in Asia in greater proportion than it is declining in European Turkey. It is a fact that there are in the world about 200,000,000 Mohammedans, more than half of whom are Asiatics, and the remainder Africans. Persia has 7,500,000 Mohammedans; Turkey some 18,000,000; Arabia, Afghanistan and Central Asia perhaps 15,000,000, while Hindostan had over 20,000,000 in 1881, and has many more, since not only is the population of that country increasing, but Mohammedanism is spreading among the Hindus and perpetually gaining fresh converts from Brahminism.

It is a significant fact that one-fourth of the Mohammedans are now found in Hindostan. The time must soon come when they will face the power of Great Britain with arms in its Eastern empire—in fact, they need now only a leader to dispute once more the sovereignty of which they were deprived by England not long ago. In Africa they have radiated southward from the Barbary coast across the Sahara into Central Africa, and have even penetrated to the region of the great lakes. The negro who accepts Islamism becomes the hunter instead of the hunted, the attacker instead of the attacked, a warrior and a slave dealer instead of a cultivator of the soil, an enemy not only to Christianity but to the introduction of European civilization instead of a willing trader and laborer.

If the recent movements of El Mahdi meet with success we may look for an effort to spread the Moslem faith with fire and sword. The personal courage of his followers was equal to that of any people on the face of the earth. They require only military discipline and skillful leadership to make their armies equal in power to those of any Nation. What England does she must do quickly, or this wave of religious enthusiasm which the Mahdi has aroused will sweep across the whole of Africa. All Europeans may be swept off or killed, and the Dark Continent may be darker than of yore; and worse than that, an insurrection in India is probable that will equal that of Nana Sahib thirty years ago. As matters stand, it is not a war of words and misanthropy between Islam and Christianity, but of gunpowder, of rifles and the strongest artillery at the right place at the right time.

THE NEW UNION DEPOT.

The Union Railway bill, we understand, will be reported upon favorably to-day by the committee having the matter in charge. The Sentinel has already referred favorably to this subject and we once more recur to it with pleasure, and renew our request that it may have favorable consideration at the hands of our law makers. The traveling public is apt to form some estimate of a city by its depot structure and facilities. There is an enormous amount of passenger travel to and through our city. Since the railroads are desirous of making the city present a more presentable appearance and afford better accommodations for the public, all at their own expense, we are in favor of the State granting them permission to do so. It is not apparent that any citizen can suffer by the passage of the bill, while it does appear that the city, State and all people who travel by rail to and from Indianapolis will be benefited.

Some New York dressmakers seem to have stirred certain Washington circles to the very depths by ridiculing the dress of Washington ladies. A Commercial Gazette's Washington special quotes the opinion of an alleged former partner of Worth—the man milliner of Paris, which runs thus: "The costumes now being made and imported for the inauguration ball will compare favorably with any ever seen in an American ball-room. Many of the modistes' bill for ball dresses, recently made for Washington ladies, have been as high as \$1,000."

He knows of no ball dresses made in Washington for less than \$500. In nearly every instance the materials have been of the richest kind, the trimmings handsome and costly, and the toilets in every respect worthy of such a state occasion. He says that the dresses which he has seen made in Washington by modistes have compared favorably in all respects with dresses made in Paris. He has seen lace valued at 20,000 francs used upon dresses made for ladies of Washington. Twenty thousand francs in American currency is nearly \$4,000.

PERSONALS.

ERNEST LONGFELLOW, the son of the poet, and Mrs. Longfellow are in Washington.

SARAH BERNHARDT's anatomical fancy, a human skeleton, brought only sixty cents at the recent creditors' sale.

MISS CALDWELL, who has given a magnificent donation to found a Roman Catholic University in the United States, is the first American to receive from the Pope the gold

den rose, which is presented each year to the individual who has rendered the most signal service to the church during that year.

MR. CLEVELAND has been asked to extend his trip to Washington on the occasion of his visit to Philadelphia this week.

MRS. GEORGE H. THOMAS, the widow of the distinguished General, will have her annual pension increased to \$2,000 by Congress.

GENERAL CONY, of North Carolina, who led the last Confederate charge at Appomattox, bears the scars of eleven serious wounds.

It is mentioned, much to the credit of Susan B. Anthony, that she began active life as a school teacher at \$3 a month, and in fifteen years saved \$300.

W. D. CHANDLER, son of Secretary Chandler, was married at Winona, Minn., recently to Miss Lily M. Porter, daughter of a prominent mill-owner of that place. Mr. Chandler is engaged in banking in Winona.

It is advertised that the Winthrop oration to be read at the Washington Monument celebration will be one hour long, and it is presumed that it will be heavy enough to correspond with the crowning capstone.

SENATOR HOAR and Congressman LONG declined to attend the Harvard Club's dinner and reunion at Washington on Wednesday night, on account of the exclusion of Richard Greener and another mulatto graduate.

AFTER Henry Ward Beecher had submitted to an interview, in which he expressed admiration for Mr. Cleveland's attitude since the election, and predicted that he would do so well that the people would want him four years more, he said to the reporter: "There, you have got all you want, I guess. I understand how it is. When there isn't anything to do they say, 'Go and see Beecher.' When I die reporters, I think, should raise a monument to me. If I were a politician, I should be very polite; but as I am a plain citizen, I talk freely, without regard to what other folks think."

The Grain Inspector.

To the Editor of the Sentinel:
Sir—I notice it stated in the News that Colonel Closser is opposed to an Inspector being appointed by the Governor, and I am informed that what he did say was: "It is the greatest imposition ever perpetrated on the American people, and a Democratic move to office men, etc."

I would like to ask Closser if he is aware that in Chicago, as in Indianapolis, the Inspector of Grain became so corrupt and unhearing by the management of a clique, that not only the people of Illinois, but the Almighty took it up, and took it out of their hands; that heaven blushed at the suffering country dealers by having grain inspected by one inspector as low as possible, and left by another one after being mixed with unground, rotten trash, and because he feared to lose his position if he did not do as the clique ordered, as number two, or a higher grade, and that at last it became necessary to place it in the strong arms of the State law, and now Chicago inspection stands the most reliable on this continent. He (Closser) may say, "What are you going to do about it?" and that we have our inspectors regardless of country grangers' kicking.

Time has been when Indianapolis was a market, but now a mixing pot of Satan, and country dealers avoid it. I am informed that what commission men are left are disgusted and will leave for Chicago if they had not been swindled so they have not enough left to pay fare to Chicago. I, for one, hope a bill will be introduced to turn the rascals out.

Yours respectfully,

COUNTRY GALT.

Greenfield, Ind., Feb. 14.

DEATH OF DR. DAMROSCH.

The Eminent Musical Director Died in New York—He Had Just Completed in Making German Opera a Success Here.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Dr. Leopold Damrosch, an eminent musical director, died at his residence in this city this afternoon. He has been confined to his house since Tuesday night last, but was not thought seriously ill. On Monday evening he conducted the performance of "Lohengrin" at the Metropolitan Opera House. He then seemed in his usual health. The next evening he undertook to direct the rehearsal of the oratorio of the society, but was seized with a chill and had to be taken home in a carriage. The physician decided that the patient's complaint was pneumonia, with pleuritic complication, but did not consider his condition dangerous. At 3 o'clock this morning a sudden and material change for worse occurred, and not until then did the invalid know he was dangerously ill. At 10 o'clock the physician said his patient was dying. The sick man was not made aware of his true condition. About 1 o'clock he dropped off into a sleep, in which he continued until 2:15, when he died. Dr. Damrosch leaves a wife and three daughters, all except the oldest son were present at his death. Miss Von Hinzburg, a sister-in-law and her relatives were also there. Dr. Damrosch was born in Posen, Germany, October 22, 1832. He was graduated as Doctor of Medicine from Berlin University with high honors. His thesis are still quoted as a text in institutions. After graduating he devoted his whole time and energy to music. A few years after he was called to direct the Weimar Musical Society, and afterward conducted a like organization at Breslau. In 1872 he was engaged to take charge of the Arion Singing Society, this city, and came to America for the first time. While in New York he organized Oratorio and Symphony societies. In 1880 Columbia College bestowed upon him the degree of Doctor of Music. The Doctor was consulted on every detail, in every performance. His chief ambition was to make German opera a success in New York, and that ambition was accomplished.

A Distressing Accident.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 15.—A most distressing accident, by which two men lost their lives and a boy was severely injured, occurred near the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad depot in this city this morning. John and Peter Hoover, brothers, and a son of the former, aged twelve years, were going home from work. In attempting to cross the railroad bridge, on which there is no foot path, they were over-

taken by a train, and stepping to the opposite track to escape were run down by a switch engine. John Hoover's body was literally cut to pieces and fragments strewn about the ground. Peter Hoover was killed both cut off and one of the boy's arms was crushed. John Hoover died at the hospital, and the boy's arm was amputated. Both men leave large families in destitute circumstances.

Evidently Murder and Suicide.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 15.—The Courier-Journal's says: Will Adams, a young man twenty-six years old, and his sweetheart, Tinnie Wilmoth, a pretty girl of eighteen years, were found dead at an early hour this morning on the railroad one mile west of Shelbyville, Ky. Their bodies were stiff in death and bespattered with blood, and lay within fifteen feet of each other. Adams' pistol, a small Smith & Wesson, with two empty cartridges, lay between his legs. He evidently murdered the girl and then took his own life. Both were shot in the head, she in the right ear and he in the eye. They walked to Shelbyville early in the night from Mr. William Jesse's, where the girl lived, and on their return are supposed to have sat down on the railroad track at the scene of the tragedy. What took place between them no mortal knows. Two pistol shots were heard about 11 o'clock last night, and the dead bodies were found this morning by Mrs. Kent, a near neighbor. A lovers' quarrel was probably the cause of the tragedy.

The World's Exposition.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—The steamers Will S. Hays, from Memphis, and Thos. Sherlock, from Cincinnati, have arrived with excursion parties. The sailing yacht Gitani, from Boston, has also arrived. The United States man-of-war Yantic arrived to-day, and anchored in front of the city and the Alliance is reported coming up the river. The railroad people report the arrival of two trains carrying the past three days, all crowded with passengers going to the exposition and to participate in the Mardi Gras festivities. The Accommodation Bureau reports room for more visitors. Notwithstanding the rain this morning and a steady drizzle from noon until 2 there was a good attendance at the World's Exposition. Rex will be received in grand style to-morrow. A royal fleet of ten steamers will escort His Majesty's flagship to the exposition grounds, where the grand review takes place.

Suicide of a Banker When His Bank Was Prosperous.

BRYAN, Tex., Feb. 15.—Major Frank Clarke, senior partner in the banking firm of Clarke, Bryan and Howell, suicided this evening at 5 o'clock, by shooting himself with a revolver. The cause is unknown. It is supposed that he was laboring under mental aberration. At this time the bank is in a prosperous condition. The suicide could not, therefore, have resulted from business troubles. Clarke left a note addressed to his partner, Guy M. Bryan, Jr., requesting him to take charge of his estate and see that his children were provided for.

Mrs. Shreffler Recovering—Another Blackened Foe.

KANSAS, Feb. 15.—Word was received to-night that Mrs. Shreffler, the woman assaulted by the tramp Nelson, is able to sit up and converse. It is believed she will recover. Sheriff Leterneau sent Nelson, in charge of a deputy, to Chicago on the 1 a. m. train to-day to prevent lynching. The train was stopped for the Sheriff some distance from the depot for fear of the mob. Six inches of snow fell at Kansas to-day, and it is still snowing and drifting. Railroad men fear another blockade.

Fatal Altercation Between Lawyers.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—During a trial at Forsythe, Tazewell County, Missouri, Friday afternoon, an altercation growing out of personalities used in the speeches took place between T. C. Spellings and Ben B. Price, opposing attorneys, during which Price shot and mortally wounded Spellings. The affair created great excitement, both parties being prominent and popular men. Spellings came from Tennessee five years ago, and is prosecuting attorney for the County and editor of the Forsythe Enterprise. Price is son of Judge W. C. Price, of Springfield, Mo., and has also edited two or three county papers.

Chicago Items.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The Socialists held their usual weekly meeting to-day, and listened to the customary dynamite speeches. The session was short, several of the leaders having gone on missionary trips in Ohio and Illinois.

Nelson, the murderous tramp who assaulted a woman near Kansas, was brought here this morning and lodged in jail to save him from lynching. J. J. Sullivan, one of the witnesses in the Meekin election fraud case yesterday, was arrested on a charge of perjury in giving his evidence.

Masked Robbers.

GALVESTON, Feb. 15.—The News' Queen City (Tex.) special says: Last Friday night, at Linden, the county seat of Cass County, the residence of P. B. Kinkead, County Treasurer, was entered by two masked men, who struck Kinkead a severe blow on the head with a pistol, and then robbed the safe of \$1,000 in money and \$22,000 in State securities, all belonging to the State and county. The robbers escaped. Linden has no telegraph or railroad communication.

The Hocking Valley Strike Over Once More.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 15.—Announcements are made in all parts of the Hocking Valley to-day that the commissary had given out, and no longer coming in, and advised the men to get to work. This ends the strike which started last April. Many of the men went in last week in anticipation of the climax.

A Glove Prize Fight.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 15.—A glove fight for a purse of \$400, between Charles McCoy and Adam Weldon, took place in a private room at the East End last night, resulting in favor of Weldon, who knocked his opponent senseless in the sixth round.

One hundred and thirty delegates, from Canada, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, attended the annual convention of the Grand Lodge of the Order of Keeler Shet Barzel, District No. 1, at New York City. S. Millenburg was elected Grand President. In the past year \$36,000 was paid to the families of fifty-six deceased members, and \$12,000 for various charities. The sinking fund amounts to \$80,000. There are 5,000 members.

SENTINEL SPECIALS.

Special to the Sentinel.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Feb. 15.—Over 3,000 votes passed through the Seymour postoffice yesterday.

An unoccupied tanyard building at Medora was burned a few nights ago. Loss, \$250; no insurance; incendiary.

A large amount of country bacon is being shipped to Indianapolis, Louisville and Cincinnati.

Our county is likely to lose Captain John Scott, one of our most valuable citizens, who thinks of going West soon.

An extensive masquerade ball was given at the Opera House Friday night. Many of the masks were very fine and costly. The best of order was preserved.

William Van Hook's residence on the North Side barely escaped destruction by fire Friday morning. A spark alighted on the bed, consuming it, and Mrs. Van Hook stepped in the house just in time to prevent further loss.

The Steam Furniture Factory Company have just purchased a handsome lot on South Chestnut street, and they will erect a commodious business house on it soon.

Several chapter members of the Masonic Order, this city, went to Columbus last night and had the degrees of the Red Cross conferred upon them.

A. H. Aderson, late of Franklin, has just taken the position of night operator in the J. M. and I. office here in place of H. O. Wydman, who has returned to his home at Greenwood, Ark.

Mr. John L. Lux, a young man of this city, has just completed a quilt containing 493 shades of colors. It is a beauty, mechanically gotten up and can be excelled by but few, either ladies or gentlemen.

Mr. Will Masters, late of Kokomo, has become a citizen of this city, and he and his cousin, H. S. Billings, one of the best known and successful business men, yesterday opened a large grocery and provision store. Mr. Masters seems to be a gentleman who understands his business, and the new firm will have a big trade.

Indiana Fairs.

Special to the Sentinel.

NORTH VERNON, Ind., Feb. 14.—Representatives of all the Agricultural Associations in Southeastern Indiana met here yesterday, to set the time for holding their respective fairs and to make some general rules regarding them. The district is composed of the counties of Dearborn, Ripley, Decatur, Rush, Shelby, Jennings and Bartholomew. Hon. Will Cumback, of Decatur County, was Chairman of the meeting. The dates arranged are as follows: Jennings County Fair, at North Vernon, August 4 to 7, inclusive. Ripley County, at Osgood, August 11 to 14, inclusive. Dearborn County Fair, at Lawrenceburg, August 18 to 22, inclusive. Decatur County Fair, at Greensburg, August 25 to 28, inclusive. Shelby County Fair, at Shelbyville, the following week. Rush County Fair, at Rushville, the next week. Bartholomew County Fair, at Columbus, the next week.

Death of an Old Resident.

Special to the Sentinel.

GREENFIELD, Ind., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Louisa Ryan, wife of John W. Ryan, Esq., died early this morning of typhoid pneumonia after a week's sickness. She was taken sick while at church last Sunday, and gradually grew worse to the hour of her death. She has long been a resident of this city, active in benevolent and religious circles and a staunch member of the Christian Church. The time of her funeral has not been announced, but it will probably be on Tuesday.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The dry goods store of Merritt & Co., of Nyack, N. Y., burned. Loss, \$10,000; insured.

Francis A. Drexel, the head of the Drexel Banking House of Philadelphia and New York, died suddenly yesterday.

The Union Iron Mills of Carnegie Bros. & Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., employing over 400 men, will resume operations to-day in all departments.

At Somerset, Pa., this morning at an early hour, ex-Sheriff Springer committed suicide by blowing his brains out on account of financial embarrassment.

The Irish National League, of New York and Brooklyn, have decided to establish a fund for the payment of salaries to the Irish members of the British Parliament.

Indians just arrived at Victoria, B. C., report two vessels ashore on Barclay Sound. No particulars yet, but more news will come by steamer, which is hourly expected.

The firm of B. D. Bishop & Co., of Cincinnati, vinegar dealers, are considerably disturbed over the disappearance of Burt D. Bishop, a member of the firm. He is charged with the misappropriation of \$5,400.

Miss Ada Armstrong, of Cincinnati, the daughter of ex-Senator James M. Armstrong, committed suicide yesterday by shooting herself with a pistol. She was led to the deed by the fear that she was going to lose her eyesight.

The loss by the burning of Fallesstock's dry goods store at Lancaster, Pa., last night, was \$23,000; insured for \$20,000. Myers & Rothof's clothing store was damaged \$5,000. The name of the fireman injured is Charles Schwebel. His condition is precarious.

An East-bound freight train on the Pennsylvania Railroad was thrown from the track last night near Birmingham, Pa., by a broken flange. Sixteen cars were demolished—twelve filled with stock. Three hundred sheep, eighty hogs and several horses were killed.

A fire at Jacksonville, Fla., this morning destroyed five buildings and badly damaged as many more. Among the buildings burned were the Percival Block and the elegant residence of M. D. Barnett, of the Bank of Jacksonville. Loss roughly estimated at \$50,000.

The Oregon Senate, late Saturday night, passed Oregon's local option bill which had previously passed the lower house. It provides that license can be issued only on a petition of a majority of voters in the precinct where the saloon is located. The license fee is fixed at \$300 a year.

An association of the creditors of the late Archbishop Purcell, at a meeting yesterday afternoon, resolved to push to the Circuit Court an appeal from the decision of the Common Pleas Court in that case. They also passed resolutions charging him with siphony and condemning him for it.